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### **WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE - PURSUIT OF COUNTY POSITION TO SUPPORT LOS ANGELES RESIDENTIAL HELICOPTER NOISE RELIEF ACT OF 2013**

This memorandum contains a pursuit of County position to support the Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act of 2013 (H.R. 456 and S. 208), identical bills, which were introduced by Representative Schiff and Senators Feinstein and Boxer on February 4, 2013. The House bill is co-sponsored by Representatives Hahn, Sherman, and Waxman.

#### **Background and Status**

The Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act would require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), to issue, within one year of the bill's enactment, regulations for helicopter operations in Los Angeles County that include requirements relating to the flight paths and altitudes associated with such operations to reduce helicopter noise pollution in residential areas, increase safety, and minimize commercial aircraft delays. It also provides that the FAA shall exempt helicopter operations related to emergency, law enforcement, or military activities from the requirements. The legislation addresses the problem of excessive noise and disruptions from helicopters flying over many areas of the County, including the Hollywood Bowl during its concert season.

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This year's Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act is similar to legislation with the same title, which was introduced by former Representative Berman (H.R. 2677) and Senators Feinstein and Boxer (S. 2019) in 2011. Those bills died in the previous 112th Session of Congress. H.R. 456 has been referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee while S. 208 has been referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. Neither committee has scheduled any action on the legislation to date.

### **Pursuit of County Position**

On November 8, 2011, the County's Board of Supervisors adopted a motion by Supervisor Yaroslavsky to support the Los Angeles Helicopter Noise Relief Act of 2011, which is similar to the Los Angeles Helicopter Noise Relief Act of 2013. **Based on this existing policy, and unless otherwise instructed by the Board, the County's Washington, D.C. advocates will support enactment of the Los Angeles Helicopter Noise Relief Act of 2013 (H.R. 456 and S. 208 or similar legislation).**

We will continue to keep you advised.

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